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# WORLD BOVINE HIDE PRODUCTION AND TRADE SET NEW HIGHS IN 1975

World bovine hide and skin production in 1975 for 49 selected countries set a new high of 199 million pieces. Ample supplies are likely to continue for at least another year until the rate of slaughter reduces inventory.

Exports of bovine hides and skins from 48 selected countries totaled a record 1,464,000 metric tons in 1975. Larger shipments from the United States, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, and the European Community accounted for most of the gain. Countries recording small declines from 1974 production included Argentina, Austria, Finland, Sweden, South Africa and Ethiopia.

## Production

Paralleling cyclical trends in bovine slaughter, hide and skin production rose to a high of 199 million pieces in 1975 from 183 million in 1974. The current situation of ample supplies is not likely to change until slaughter reduces inventory.

Despite the higher levels of slaughter in 1976, the slaughter rates in the Southern Hemisphere will have to increase significantly to bring about a halt in further herd buildup. The accelerated slaughter in Western Europe and North America is expected to continue for the remainder of 1976 due to the poor pastures and fodder shortages caused by the severe drought in Europe and continued high feedgrain costs in the United States.

The United States remains the world's largest producer followed by the USSR and the EC. These three producers account for nearly 60 percent of total production for the 49 specified countries.

On a regional basis, **Oceania** expanded its 1975 output by almost 30 percent from 1974. **North America** followed with a 16 percent increase followed by 13 and 11 percent rises in **Asia** and **South America** respectively. **Eastern Europe** and the USSR gained around 3 percent each. However, output in Western Europe dropped about 3 percent, with that of the EC (West Germany, Italy, and the United Kingdom) down, and declines also recorded in Finland, Greece, Norway, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland.

## Trade

World trade in bovine hides and skins for 48 selected countries continued upward through 1975 stimulated by increased bovine slaughter and growing demand from foreign tanners.

The United States, EC, and Australia continue to be the world's principal exporters of bovine hides and skins. Combined shipments from these three exporters accounted for more than 85 percent of total exports from the 48 selected countries in 1975.

Several developing countries that were formerly important producer-exporting nations of raw bovine hides and skins—Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay, Brazil, India, Pakistan, and Morocco—have implemented trade policies that have altered their historical export patterns. Basically, these countries' policies seek to restrict exports of raw hides and skins while encouraging export and restricing imports of leather and leather manufactures. Licensing, taxes, quotas and embargoes are commonly used to restrict exports of hides and skins in contrast to the rebates, grants, and subsidies used as incentives to encourage the export of finished leather items such as gloves, footwear, handbags and apparel garments. Also, it is a common practice in these countries to reinforce their export incentives by restricting imports of finished leather products through discretionary licensing and high tariffs.

On the import side, Japan and Italy, a member nation of the European Community, remain the world's largest importers of bovine hides and skins. Spain, South Korea, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Romania and other EC members such as France, West Germany, Netherlands, and the United Kingdom are also significant importers. The USSR was once an important importer of raw bovine hides and skins, but now depends upon Eastern Europe for an increasing proportion of finished leather manufactures. Several of the West European countries, particularly members of the European Community, are both prominent exporters and importers of bovine hides and skins.

Eastern Europe has shown considerable growth in leather and footwear production since 1970. These coun-

tries import large quantities of raw bovine hides and skins to supplement their domestic production, in addition to large imports of semiprocessed leather used in the manufacture of footwear and other leather products. Also, these nations are striving to build up their shoe and leather manufacture not only for their own needs, but for export to the USSR.

## Trade by Country

**UNITED STATES**. Since 1953, the United States has been a net exporter of bovine hides and skins. Increased slaughter, expanded use of synthetic leather, increased imports of leather manufactures, and the declining output of leather shoes by the domestic industry have made the United States the world's largest exporter of bovine hides and skins. Exports as a percentage share of total production, increased from less than 40 percent in the early 1970's to 47 percent in 1975 and will probably approach 50 percent in 1976.

U.S. exports of bovine hides and skins rose to 23.7 million pieces in 1975 from 20.6 million in 1974 and are estimated to approach 26.0 million for 1976. Japan continues to be the largest export market. Growing markets for U.S. bovine hides and skins include Mexico, South Korea, and Romania. These four markets accounted for 60 percent of total U.S. exports in 1975. Other important markets include Spain, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Republic of China (Taiwan), Italy, and the USSR. Combined shipments to Japan, Italy, Romania, and South Korea during the first 7 months of 1976 totaled 9.3 million pieces, or up 50 percent from the 6.2 million for the same period last year.

The strengthening in U.S. bovine hide prices since the beginning of the year is attributed to the strong export demand, which reportedly was in response to the surge in orders received by foreign footwear and apparel garment manufacturers to cover their requirements for fall and early winter schedules. Undoubtedly, the increasing role of forward delivery through direct contract buying from Midwest packers by foreign buyers, and the Presidential decision of last April against imposing restrictions on imported nonrubber footwear have bolstered prices for the tight supply of quality hides from fed cattle.

**AUSTRALIA**. Although its bovine hide and skin production still trails that of the United States, the USSR, Argentina, and Brazil, Australia has been the world's second largest exporter since 1970. Exports rose to an estimated 165,000 metric tons during 1975/76 from 120,000 metric tons in 1974/75 because of a return to a more normal slaughter rate. Export data by country of destination are not available for the full 1975/76 period, but based on the previous year's data, Japan was the principal export market followed by West Germany, Poland, and Italy. Exports to these four markets represented almost 60 percent of total shipments in 1974/75.

**OTHER EXPORTING COUNTRIES**. Several member countries of the European Community (France, West Germany, Netherlands, and United Kingdom), New Zealand, the Republic of South Africa, and Canada export significant quantities of bovine hides and skins. EC exports are primarily within the Community itself, but small shipments also go to other European and Asian destinations. New Zealand's markets are principally Italy and Poland; Canada's are the United States, Republic of Korea, Italy, USSR, Japan, and Poland. Based on earlier export data, the Republic of South Africa's markets are Italy, Spain, and Portugal.

**JAPAN**. Japan retains its position as the world's largest importer of bovine hides and skins. As a small cattle producer, Japan is dependent upon increasing imports to fulfill the demand from both domestic and export leather manufacturers. Despite increased competition from lower-priced synthetics, Japanese demand for imported bovine hides and skins is likely to continue its upward trend.

Japan remains largely dependent on the United States for its bovine hides and skins. In 1975, it imported 194,000 metric tons from the United States, representing 76 percent of its imported supply. Australia supplied 40,000 metric tons, or 16 percent of Japan's imports. Other suppliers include New Zealand, Canada, and the Netherlands.

**EUROPEAN COMMUNITY**. Direct EC imports (excluding intratrade) from third countries last year rose to 152,000 metric tons from 136,000 tons in 1974, but were still significantly below those prior to 1974. Australia surpassed the United States during 1975 as the principal supplier. Other important suppliers include New Zealand, Switzerland, Canada, Republic of South Africa, and Sweden. The principal importing member countries with the EC are Italy, West Germany, France, Netherlands, and United Kingdom.

**OTHER IMPORTING COUNTRIES**. Several other countries importing significant quantities of bovine hides and skins include Poland, Czechoslovakia, Romania, Spain, Mexico, the Republic of Korea, Hungary, Canada, and the United States. Mexico, Romania, and the Republic of Korea are probable growth markets for U.S. bovine hides and skins, however, the current resurgence in U.S. shipments to Italy and Spain is because tanners are replenishing their requirements to fulfill future footwear deliveries under contract.

TABLE 1--[illegible] AND EXPORTS, PRODUCTION OF SELECTED COUNTRIES, AVERAGE 1966-70, ANNUAL 1971-75

IN UNITS OF 1,000 PIECES

| REGION AND COUNTRY | AVERAGE 1966-70 | 1971 | 1972 | 1973 | 1974 | 1975 1/ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NORTH AMERICA: | | | | | | |
| CANADA | 4,316 | 4,063 | 4,037 | 3,894 | 4,245 | 4,945 |
| COSTA RICA | 241 | 298 | 300 | 300 | 305 | 330 |
| DOMINICAN REPUBLIC | 175 | 175 | 208 | 218 | 219 | 208 |
| EL SALVADOR | 148 | 143 | 168 | 159 | 187 | 175 |
| GUATEMALA | 314 | 361 | 370 | 349 | 350 | 398 |
| HONDURAS | 181 | 264 | 270 | 289 | 235 | 304 |
| MEXICO | 3,226 | 3,499 | 3,569 | 4,376 | 4,966 | 5,387 |
| NICARAGUA | 259 | 325 | 344 | 340 | 267 | 327 |
| PANAMA | 156 | 189 | 202 | 195 | 197 | 210 |
| UNITED STATES 2/ | 41,682 | 41,050 | 39,943 | 38,961 | 42,777 | 49,971 |
| TOTAL | 50,697 | 50,367 | 49,411 | 49,081 | 53,748 | 62,255 |
| SOUTH AMERICA: | | | | | | |
| ARGENTINA 3/ | 13,620 | 10,464 | 11,056 | 10,912 | 11,163 | 13,196 |
| BRAZIL | 8,638 | 9,400 | 10,240 | 12,260 | 10,500 | 11,250 |
| CHILE | 637 | 564 | 407 | 324 | 671 | 750 |
| COLOMBIA | 2,264 | 2,888 | 2,671 | 2,387 | 2,404 | 2,536 |
| ECUADOR | 265 | 310 | 328 | 343 | 357 | 374 |
| PERU | 754 | 847 | 742 | 690 | 680 | 710 |
| URUGUAY | 1,231 | 1,189 | 1,252 | 1,120 | 1,573 | 1,750 |
| VENEZUELA | 1,091 | 1,272 | 1,256 | 1,320 | 1,369 | 1,429 |
| TOTAL | 28,500 | 26,934 | 27,952 | 29,356 | 28,717 | 31,995 |
| EUROPE | | | | | | |
| WESTERN: | | | | | | |
| EC: | | | | | | |
| BELGIUM-LUXEMBOURG | 1,062 | 1,124 | 1,046 | 1,021 | 1,153 | 1,159 |
| DENMARK | 1,193 | 1,081 | 881 | 889 | 1,125 | 1,128 |
| FRANCE | 8,366 | 8,125 | 7,040 | 6,725 | 7,974 | 8,003 |
| GERMANY, WEST | 5,606 | 5,718 | 4,891 | 4,801 | 5,434 | 5,235 |
| IRELAND | 881 | 975 | 847 | 940 | 1,469 | 1,700 |
| ITALY | 3,979 | 4,104 | 3,703 | 4,923 | 4,977 | 4,327 |
| NETHERLANDS | 1,727 | 1,930 | 1,691 | 1,721 | 1,900 | 2,080 |
| UNITED KINGDOM | 3,983 | 3,953 | 3,629 | 3,425 | 4,604 | 4,220 |
| TOTAL EC | 26,797 | 27,010 | 23,728 | 24,445 | 28,636 | 27,852 |
| AUSTRIA | 825 | 759 | 722 | 713 | 837 | 844 |
| FINLAND | 865 | 828 | 775 | 684 | 780 | 725 |
| GREECE 3/ | 518 | 513 | 495 | 471 | 564 | 553 |
| NORWAY | 452 | 381 | 360 | 355 | 404 | 394 |
| PORTUGAL | 377 | 400 | 359 | 396 | 395 | 448 |
| SPAIN | 1,425 | 1,715 | 1,474 | 1,633 | 1,898 | 1,758 |
| SWEDEN | 884 | 728 | 609 | 630 | 724 | 710 |
| SWITZERLAND | 791 | 812 | 747 | 747 | 814 | 783 |
| TOTAL WESTERN | 32,934 | 33,146 | 29,269 | 30,074 | 35,052 | 34,067 |
| EASTERN: | | | | | | |
| CZECHOSLOVAKIA | 1,619 | 1,499 | 1,475 | 1,513 | 1,550 | 1,550 |
| GERMANY, DEM. REP. OF | 1,661 | 1,647 | 1,701 | 1,665 | 1,669 | 1,700 |
| HUNGARY | 475 | 439 | 390 | 403 | 423 | 450 |
| POLAND | 4,832 | 4,697 | 4,250 | 4,326 | 4,853 | 5,080 |
| YUGOSLAVIA | 1,970 | 1,954 | 1,717 | 1,886 | 2,155 | 2,250 |
| TOTAL EASTERN | 10,556 | 10,236 | 9,533 | 9,793 | 10,650 | 11,030 |
| TOTAL EUROPE | 43,490 | 43,382 | 38,802 | 39,867 | 45,702 | 45,097 |
| U.S.S.R. | 37,874 | 36,700 | 34,538 | 34,938 | 35,960 | 37,000 |
| AFRICA: | | | | | | |
| SOUTH AFRICA | 2,484 | 2,632 | 2,925 | 2,901 | 2,353 | 2,355 |
| TOTAL | 2,484 | 2,632 | 2,925 | 2,901 | 2,353 | 2,355 |
| ASIA: | | | | | | |
| CHINA, REP. OF (TAIWAN) | 47 | 45 | 27 | 34 | 30 | 8 |
| IRAN 3/ | 569 | 614 | 668 | 675 | 685 | 700 |
| JAPAN | 961 | 1,251 | 1,235 | 818 | 1,165 | 1,273 |
| KOREA, REP. OF | 247 | 274 | 219 | 261 | 325 | 471 |
| PHILIPPINES 3/ | 542 | 520 | 585 | 792 | 759 | 772 |
| TURKEY | 2,545 | 2,505 | 2,300 | 2,622 | 3,265 | 3,800 |
| TOTAL | 4,911 | 5,209 | 5,034 | 5,202 | 6,229 | 7,024 |
| OCEANIA: | | | | | | |
| AUSTRALIA | 5,771 | 6,092 | 7,386 | 8,247 | 6,741 | 9,167 |
| NEW ZEALAND | 2,748 | 2,814 | 2,901 | 2,938 | 3,217 | 3,647 |
| TOTAL | 8,518 | 8,906 | 10,287 | 11,185 | 9,958 | 12,814 |
| TOTAL SELECTED COUNTRIES | 176,476 | 174,130 | 168,949 | 172,530 | 182,667 | 198,540 |

1/ ESTIMATED FOR CATTLE AND CALF SLAUGHTER.
2/ PRELIMINARY.
3/ INCLUDES AN ESTIMATE FOR DEATH LOSSES.
4/ EXCLUDES ALASKA AND HAWAII PRIOR TO 1/73.
5/ INCLUDES BUFFALOES.

FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE. PREPARED OR ESTIMATED ON THE BASIS OF OFFICIAL STATISTICS OF FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS, OTHER FOREIGN SOURCE MATERIALS, REPORTS OF U. S. AGRICULTURAL ATTACHES AND FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS, RESULTS OF OFFICE RESEARCH AND RELATED INFORMATION.

TABLE 2--BOVINE HIDES AND SKINS: INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN SELECTED COUNTRIES 1/, AVERAGE 1967-71, ANNUAL 1972-75

IN THOUSANDS OF METRIC TONS

| CONTINENT AND COUNTRY | AVERAGE 1967-71 | | 1972 | | 1973 | | 1974 | | 1975 2/ | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | EXPORTS | IMPORTS | EXPORTS | IMPORTS | EXPORTS | IMPORTS | EXPORTS | IMPORTS | EXPORTS | IMPORTS |
| NORTH AMERICA: | | | | | | | | | | |
| CANADA 3/ | 55.8 | 29.4 | 60.0 | 28.6 | 58.2 | 24.7 | 56.7 | 27.9 | 82.8 | 32.0 |
| MEXICO | --- | 46.5 | --- | 46.7 | --- | 56.5 | --- | 70.0 | --- | 65.0 |
| UNITED STATES 3/ | 407.5 | 11.7 | 500.0 | 10.0 | 481.7 | 20.8 | 528.5 | 15.3 | 603.6 | 26.0 |
| TOTAL | 463.3 | 87.6 | 560.0 | 85.2 | 539.9 | 102.1 | 585.2 | 113.2 | 686.4 | 123.0 |
| SOUTH AMERICA: | | | | | | | | | | |
| ARGENTINA | 141.8 | --- | 25.8 | --- | 12.2 | --- | 9.3 | --- | 7.3 | --- |
| BRAZIL | 30.0 | .3 | 22.6 | .6 | 2.5 | 2.4 | .4 | 3.1 | 9.9 | 3.0 |
| CHILE | --- | 9.8 | --- | 7.0 | --- | 3.9 | --- | 5.3 | .9 | 5.5 |
| PARAGUAY | 7.8 | --- | 10.5 | --- | 6.1 | --- | 6.7 | --- | 7.3 | --- |
| PERU | .1 | 4.4 | --- | 3.5 | --- | 2.8 | --- | 2.5 | --- | 2.5 |
| URUGUAY | 2.4 | --- | .6 | --- | .1 | --- | .5 | --- | .1 | --- |
| TOTAL | 182.1 | 14.4 | 59.5 | 11.1 | 21.0 | 9.2 | 16.9 | 11.0 | 25.4 | 11.0 |
| EUROPE: | | | | | | | | | | |
| WESTERN: | | | | | | | | | | |
| EC: | | | | | | | | | | |
| BELGIUM-LUXEMBOURG | 25.5 | 23.2 | 29.7 | 19.8 | 26.1 | 18.2 | 29.1 | 27.2 | 34.5 | 28.4 |
| DENMARK | 18.7 | 4.6 | 16.7 | 6.1 | 18.7 | 5.4 | 23.3 | 6.2 | 22.5 | 5.9 |
| FRANCE | 71.9 | 32.2 | 81.3 | 39.8 | 70.2 | 37.7 | 98.9 | 33.7 | 122.6 | 45.2 |
| GERMANY, WEST | 60.3 | 80.5 | 65.3 | 65.6 | 68.2 | 44.9 | 74.6 | 37.5 | 82.9 | 46.0 |
| IRELAND | 12.7 | 5.7 | 12.7 | 6.3 | 14.3 | 7.3 | 23.5 | 5.9 | 30.8 | 4.0 |
| ITALY | 10.1 | 178.1 | 5.2 | 184.2 | 5.8 | 175.8 | 7.4 | 206.3 | 7.6 | 249.8 |
| NETHERLANDS | 52.1 | 53.3 | 57.0 | 40.4 | 60.2 | 34.1 | 63.2 | 37.5 | 71.4 | 36.1 |
| UNITED KINGDOM | 22.8 | 41.8 | 33.4 | 31.6 | 30.2 | 34.3 | 47.1 | 31.0 | 71.5 | 34.3 |
| TOTAL EC | 274.2 | 419.3 | 301.2 | 393.8 | 293.5 | 357.7 | 367.2 | 385.3 | 443.9 | 449.6 |
| AUSTRIA | 6.4 | 9.8 | 8.5 | 9.4 | 7.7 | 6.5 | 11.3 | 4.7 | 9.1 | 5.0 |
| FINLAND | 6.0 | 4.5 | 6.4 | 3.4 | 4.1 | 4.3 | 5.8 | 3.1 | 3.4 | 5.6 |
| GREECE | --- | 7.6 | --- | 8.3 | --- | 11.0 | --- | 6.9 | --- | 10.8 |
| NORWAY | 4.9 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 3.8 | 4.1 | 4.6 | 4.4 | 5.1 | 6.8 | 3.8 |
| PORTUGAL | --- | 9.0 | --- | 9.4 | --- | 12.7 | --- | 11.5 | --- | 11.0 |
| SPAIN | .6 | 51.3 | .1 | 92.4 | .1 | 60.4 | --- | 61.2 | --- | 83.6 |
| SWEDEN | 17.0 | 13.4 | 19.4 | 14.8 | 17.6 | 15.5 | 17.6 | 17.4 | 16.6 | 16.3 |
| SWITZERLAND | 12.7 | 7.2 | 14.3 | 6.6 | 14.1 | 5.6 | 16.7 | 5.9 | 17.0 | 5.2 |
| TOTAL WESTERN | 321.8 | 526.5 | 354.2 | 541.9 | 341.3 | 478.3 | 423.1 | 501.1 | 496.7 | 590.9 |
| EASTERN: | | | | | | | | | | |
| CZECHOSLOVAKIA | --- | 42.1 | --- | 48.0 | --- | 55.0 | --- | 50.0 | --- | 50.0 |
| GERMANY, DEM. REP. OF | --- | 15.0 | --- | 16.7 | --- | 23.2 | --- | 13.9 | --- | 15.0 |
| HUNGARY | --- | 23.2 | --- | 24.1 | --- | 27.6 | --- | 28.7 | --- | 30.0 |
| POLAND | 1.5 | 43.1 | 1.1 | 53.4 | .7 | 61.0 | .7 | 51.6 | .5 | 47.0 |
| ROMANIA | --- | 28.1 | --- | 46.3 | --- | 39.8 | --- | 40.0 | --- | 40.0 |
| YUGOSLAVIA | .8 | 26.6 | .3 | 22.3 | --- | 22.6 | .4 | 23.9 | .5 | 24.0 |
| TOTAL EASTERN | 2.3 | 178.2 | 1.4 | 210.7 | .8 | 229.2 | 1.1 | 208.1 | 1.0 | 206.0 |
| TOTAL EUROPE | 324.1 | 704.7 | 355.6 | 752.6 | 342.0 | 707.5 | 424.3 | 709.2 | 497.7 | 796.9 |
| U.S.S.R | 11.5 | 77.5 | 3.2 | 49.1 | 1.0 | 7.9 | 1.3 | 29.2 | 3.6 | 28.0 |
| AFRICA: | | | | | | | | | | |
| ETHOPIA | 5.3 | --- | 9.8 | --- | 10.0 | --- | 7.0 | --- | 5.0 | --- |
| KENYA | 4.9 | .1 | 6.6 | .1 | 4.4 | --- | 6.0 | --- | 7.8 | --- |
| NIGERIA | 3.0 | --- | 1.5 | --- | 2.1 | --- | 1.1 | --- | .2 | --- |
| SOUTH AFRICA | 24.9 | 5.5 | 40.5 | 4.5 | 38.1 | 4.7 | 21.8 | 4.9 | 15.0 | 6.2 |
| TANZANIA | 5.2 | --- | 5.5 | --- | 3.7 | --- | 4.1 | --- | 5.7 | --- |
| UGANDA | 2.7 | --- | 3.7 | --- | 1.9 | --- | 1.9 | --- | 1.7 | --- |
| TOTAL | 45.9 | 5.5 | 67.6 | 4.6 | 60.1 | 4.7 | 41.9 | 4.9 | 35.4 | 6.2 |
| ASIA: | | | | | | | | | | |
| CHINA REP.OF (TAIWAN) | --- | 9.3 | --- | 16.5 | --- | 15.3 | --- | 19.4 | --- | 28.4 |
| HONG KONG | 1.2 | 6.0 | 1.1 | 8.0 | .8 | 8.2 | 1.1 | 9.6 | 7.3 | 17.8 |
| IRAN | --- | 4.2 | --- | 2.7 | .2 | 4.3 | .1 | 6.9 | .1 | 7.0 |
| JAPAN | .1 | 198.6 | .1 | 227.5 | --- | 225.1 | --- | 219.7 | --- | 255.4 |
| KOREA, REP.OF | --- | 8.1 | --- | 16.5 | --- | 43.6 | --- | 44.5 | --- | 76.1 |
| PHILIPPINES | --- | 1.8 | --- | 1.6 | --- | .6 | --- | 1.9 | --- | 5.4 |
| THAILAND | 5.1 | .1 | 9.2 | --- | 3.7 | .1 | 2.0 | .1 | 2.0 | .1 |
| TURKEY | --- | 6.3 | --- | 4.3 | --- | 3.8 | --- | 4.0 | --- | 4.0 |
| TOTAL | 6.3 | 234.5 | 10.4 | 277.0 | 4.7 | 301.0 | 3.1 | 306.1 | 9.4 | 394.2 |
| OCEANIA: | | | | | | | | | | |
| AUSTRALIA 4/ | 64.3 | .7 | 117.3 | .5 | 113.9 | 1.1 | 119.9 | .4 | 165.0 | .4 |
| NEW ZEALAND | 28.2 | --- | 36.5 | --- | 30.2 | --- | 31.1 | --- | 41.2 | --- |
| TOTAL | 92.4 | .7 | 153.8 | .5 | 144.2 | 1.1 | 151.1 | .4 | 206.2 | .4 |
| TOTAL SELECTED COUNTRIES | 1,125.6 | 1,124.8 | 1,210.1 | 1,180.2 | 1,112.9 | 1,133.4 | 1,223.8 | 1,174.0 | 1,461.1 | 1,359.7 |

NOTE: A DASH DENOTES NO TRADE OR TRADE LESS THAN 50 TONS.

1/ EXCLUDES CATTLE HIDES AND CALF AND KIP SKINS.
2/ PRELIMINARY.
3/ TRADE IN PIECES CONVERTED TO METRIC TONS.
4/ YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1.

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TABLE 3--BOVINE HIDES: EXPORTS OF SPECIFIED COUNTRIES BY COUNTRY OF DESTINATION--ANNUAL 1972-75

| Country of destination | Unit | 1972 | 1973 | 1974 | 1975 1/ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| United States: (Schedule B numbers 211.1010, 1015, 2010, 2020) | | | | | |
| Japan | 1,000 pcs. | 7,769 | 7,596 | 7,199 | 7,760 |
| Mexico | " | 1,806 | 2,036 | 2,534 | 2,588 |
| Korea, Republic of | " | 411 | 908 | 1,535 | 2,543 |
| Romania | " | 1,200 | 1,006 | 1,781 | 1,226 |
| Spain | " | 854 | 620 | 643 | 1,009 |
| Canada | " | 1,121 | 905 | 907 | 958 |
| Czechoslovakia | " | 857 | 821 | 676 | 877 |
| Poland | " | 568 | 766 | 666 | 866 |
| China, Republic of (Taiwan) | " | 226 | 332 | 486 | 864 |
| Italy | " | 263 | 605 | 434 | 773 |
| USSR | " | 518 | 48 | 450 | 660 |
| France | " | 771 | 591 | 339 | 510 |
| Germany, West | " | 729 | 656 | 641 | 440 |
| Hong Kong | " | 68 | 98 | 161 | 381 |
| Hungary | " | 228 | 201 | 532 | 262 |
| Netherlands | " | 449 | 160 | 159 | 239 |
| Yugoslavia | " | 459 | 273 | 226 | 160 |
| Israel | " | 132 | 140 | 134 | 152 |
| Turkey | " | 42 | 66 | 79 | 102 |
| United Kingdom | " | 245 | 199 | 50 | 61 |
| Chile | " | 261 | 273 | 134 | 24 |
| Other countries | " | 673 | 452 | 829 | 1,217 |
| Total | " | 19,650 | 18,752 | 20,595 | 23,672 |

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| Country of destination | Unit | 1972 | 1973 | 1974 | 1975 1/ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| United States: (Schedule B number 211.1025): | | | | | |
| Hong Kong | 1,000 lbs. | 5.841 | 10,247 | 11,385 | 11,735 |
| China, Republic of (Taiwan) | " | 6,729 | 8,562 | 12,162 | 6,539 |
| Korea, Republic of | " | 277 | 276 | 2,745 | 3,804 |
| Canada | " | 4,519 | 4,250 | 5,070 | 3,554 |
| Japan | " | 619 | 317 | 2,936 | 2,025 |
| Italy | " | 3,817 | 2,452 | 1,584 | 1,547 |
| Spain | " | 924 | 549 | 469 | 540 |
| Pakistan | " | --- | --- | 16 | 228 |
| Netherlands | " | 1,330 | 1,396 | 357 | 217 |
| Philippines | " | --- | --- | --- | 101 |
| Israel | " | 56 | --- | --- | 86 |
| United Kingdom | " | 1,319 | 2,211 | 134 | 47 |
| Other countries | " | 1,520 | 950 | 948 | 66 |
| Total | " | 26,951 | 31,210 | 37,806 | 30,489 |
| Grand total exported including pieces converted to metric tons using 27 kilos per hide for adult cattle hides and 4.5 kilos for calf and kip skins | Metric tons | 500,018 | 481,736 | 528,528 | 3,580 |

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BY COUNTRY OF DESTINATION--ANNUAL 1972-75

| Country of destination | Unit | 1972 | 1973 | 1974 | 1975 1/ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Australia: 2/ | Metric tons | | | | |
| Japan | " | 27,549 | 22,375 | 24,877 | |
| Germany, West | " | 20,014 | 15,394 | 18,559 | |
| Poland | " | 17,407 | 20,010 | 15,974 | |
| Italy | " | 6,905 | 8,809 | 10,125 | |
| Hungary | " | 7,289 | 8,027 | 7,039 | |
| Hong Kong | " | 2,841 | 4,690 | 5,635 | |
| Spain | " | 2,451 | 1,568 | 4,966 | |
| China, People's Republic | " | 2,087 | 3,775 | 3,545 | |
| Finland | " | 3,105 | 2,350 | 2,998 | |
| South Africa, Republic of | " | 2,278 | 2,639 | 2,954 | |
| Netherlands | " | 3,148 | 3,146 | 2,780 | |
| Korea, Republic of | " | 722 | 394 | 2,277 | |
| China, Republic of (Taiwan) | " | 1,422 | 2,863 | 2,256 | |
| Czechoslovakia | " | 1,924 | 1,040 | 2,184 | |
| United Kingdom | " | 1,793 | 1,472 | 2,174 | |
| Portugal | " | 1,254 | 2,207 | 1,957 | |
| Yugoslavia | " | 7,805 | 3,600 | 1,765 | |
| Greece | " | 1,705 | 2,190 | 1,427 | |
| Norway | " | 725 | 729 | 923 | |
| Egypt | " | 191 | 253 | 688 | |
| France | " | 807 | 272 | 661 | |
| Other countries | " | 3,840 | 6,137 | 4,175 | |
| Total | | 117,262 | 113,940 | 119,939 | 3/165,000 |

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TABLE 3--BOVINE HIDES: EXPORTS OF SPECIFIED COUNTRIES BY COUNTRY OF DESTINATION--ANNUAL 1972-75

| Country of destination | Unit | 1972 | 1973 | 1974 | 1975 1/ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| South Africa, Republic of: | Metric | | | | |
| Italy | tons | 26,961 | 24,165 | | |
| Spain | " | 7,367 | 7,633 | | |
| Portugal | " | 563 | 1,987 | | |
| Israel | " | 580 | 419 | | |
| Greece | " | 686 | 268 | | |
| United Kingdom | " | 267 | 199 | | |
| France | " | 1,163 | 103 | | |
| Other countries | " | 2,928 | 3,290 | | |
| Total | " | 40,515 | 38,064 | 3/21,800 | 3/15,000 |
| Canada: | 1,000 | | | | |
| United States | pcs. | 520 | 883 | 771 | 1,098 |
| Korea, Republic of | " | 129 | 126 | 244 | 513 |
| Italy | " | 249 | 162 | 118 | 358 |
| USSR | " | 131 | 10 | 245 | 309 |
| Japan | " | 231 | 203 | 197 | 243 |
| Poland | " | 258 | 233 | 109 | 171 |
| Turkey | " | 56 | 52 | 63 | 148 |
| Hong Kong | " | 2 | 3 | 55 | 109 |
| Germany, West | " | 246 | 149 | 78 | 101 |
| Spain | " | 158 | 146 | 36 | 92 |
| Hungary | " | 109 | 108 | 101 | 77 |
| Netherlands | " | 185 | 45 | 29 | 75 |
| Portugal | " | 120 | 90 | 53 | 71 |
| Czechoslovakia | " | 115 | 160 | 192 | 70 |
| Other countries | " | 405 | 359 | 359 | 418 |
| Total | " | 2,914 | 2,729 | 2,650 | 3,853 |
| Pieces converted to metric tons using 25 kilos for adult cattle hides and 4.5 kilos for calf and kip skins | Metric tons | 60,003 | 58,179 | 56,703 | 82,785 |
| New Zealand: | | | | | |
| Italy | | 12,503 | 9,596 | 11,133 | 14,385 |
| Japan | " | 4,297 | 3,568 | 3,598 | 9,613 |
| Poland | " | 3,063 | 8,837 | 7,668 | 2,738 |
| Spain | " | 1,195 | 1,509 | 537 | 2,131 |
| Greece | " | 940 | 990 | 372 | 1,838 |
| Yugoslavia | " | 1,564 | 2,612 | 2,438 | 1,153 |
| Netherlands | " | 1,340 | 814 | 380 | 1,053 |
| Norway | " | 698 | 584 | 167 | 613 |
| Australia | " | 328 | 757 | 912 | 545 |
| Germany, West | " | 3,484 | 129 | 261 | 487 |
| Other countries | " | 7,055 | 821 | 3,680 | 6,638 |
| Total | " | 36,467 | 30,217 | 31,146 | 41,194 |

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Year beginning July 1. 3/ Country detail not available.

TABLE 4--BOVINE HIDES: IMPORTS OF SPECIFIED COUNTRIES BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN--ANNUAL 1972-75

| Country of origin | Unit | 1972 | 1973 | 1974 | 1975 1/ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Japan: | Metric | | | | |
| United States | tons | 185,320 | 189,376 | 186,131 | 194,043 |
| Australia | " | 24,969 | 23,389 | 20,074 | 40,383 |
| New Zealand | " | 4,286 | 3,003 | 3,117 | 9,630 |
| Canada | " | 6,478 | 5,075 | 5,456 | 5,421 |
| Netherlands | " | 3,433 | 2,617 | 3,578 | 4,891 |
| Other countries | " | 3,001 | 1,679 | 1,387 | 1,035 |
| Total | " | 227,487 | 225,139 | 219,743 | 255,403 |
| Poland: | | | | | |
| United States | " | 13,719 | 18,852 | | |
| Australia | " | 4,989 | 14,944 | | |
| New Zealand | " | 2,964 | 8,825 | | |
| Sweden | " | 5,314 | 4,128 | | |
| Canada | " | 5,908 | 3,973 | | |
| Netherlands | " | 2,875 | 3,921 | | |
| United Kingdom | " | 4,023 | 2,975 | | |
| Italy | " | 1,996 | 1,002 | | |
| Argentina | " | 7,118 | --- | | |
| Other countries | " | 4,444 | 2,357 | | |
| Total | " | 53,350 | 60,977 | 2/51,600 | 2/47,000 |
| USSR: | 1,000 | | | | |
| United States | pcs. | 911 | 157 | 812 | |
| Netherlands | " | 709 | 126 | 329 | |
| Other countries | " | 345 | 33 | 27 | |
| Total | " | 1,965 | 316 | 1,168 | 2/ 1,120 |
| Pieces converted to metric tons using 25 kilos per hide | " | 49,125 | 7,900 | 29,200 | 28,000 |

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TABLE 4--BOVINE HIDES: IMPORTS OF SPECIFIED COUNTRIES BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN--ANNUAL 1972-75 (continued)

| Country of origin | Unit | 1972 | 1973 | 1974 | 1975 1/ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mexico: | Metric | | | | |
| United States | tons | 44,736 | 54,767 | | |
| Nicaragua | " | 583 | 391 | | |
| Honduras | " | 173 | 277 | | |
| Costa Rica | " | --- | 258 | | |
| Other countries | " | 1,175 | 841 | | |
| Total | " | 46,667 | 56,534 | 2/70,000 | 2/65,000 |
| United States: | 1,000 | | | | |
| Canada | lbs. | 16,942 | 41,069 | 30,168 | 54,974 |
| France | " | 2,191 | 1,476 | 1,057 | 1,175 |
| Thailand | " | 289 | 429 | 440 | 469 |
| United Kingdom | " | 107 | 126 | 123 | 205 |
| Ireland | " | --- | --- | --- | 171 |
| India | " | 1,048 | 884 | 359 | 141 |
| Other countries | " | 1,431 | 1,891 | 1,613 | 216 |
| Total | " | 22,008 | 45,875 | 33,760 | 57,351 |
| Metric ton equivalent | | 9,983 | 20,808 | 15,313 | 26,014 |

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Country detail not available.

TABLE 5--BOVINE HIDES AND SKINS: EC TRADE BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN AND DESTINATION, ANNUAL 1970-1975 1/

(In thousands of metric tons)

| Country | 1970 | 1971 | 1972 | 1973 | 1974 | 1975 2/ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Imports: | | | | | | |
| Country of origin: | | | | | | |
| Australia | 15.1 | 11.0 | 15.4 | 21.5 | 15.7 | 26.0 |
| United States | 45.4 | 24.2 | 30.2 | 38.4 | 20.1 | 22.9 |
| New Zealand | 16.9 | 21.7 | 15.2 | 13.1 | 10.0 | 18.4 |
| Switzerland | 9.5 | 9.2 | 8.7 | 9.8 | 13.3 | 13.5 |
| Canada | 16.1 | 11.9 | 10.9 | 12.1 | 5.2 | 9.2 |
| South Africa | 18.5 | 20.7 | 25.1 | 23.1 | 14.8 | 8.8 |
| Sweden | 6.7 | 6.8 | 6.1 | 7.0 | 8.6 | 7.5 |
| Austria | 5.4 | 2.0 | 1.8 | 6.2 | 5.8 | 5.2 |
| Mozambique | 3.6 | 5.7 | 7.2 | 9.5 | 6.6 | 4.4 |
| Argentina | 38.8 | 11.0 | 12.1 | 7.4 | 3.6 | 3.3 |
| Indonesia | 2.0 | 1.7 | 2.8 | 2.4 | 1.8 | .8 |
| Ethiopia | 3.8 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 4.7 | 2.0 | .5 |
| Brazil | 19.6 | 2.9 | 2.7 | .4 | .1 | .1 |
| Other countries | 30.4 | 22.0 | 23.9 | 22.7 | 28.0 | 31.1 |
| Total | 231.8 | 154.4 | 165.6 | 178.3 | 135.6 | 151.7 |
| Exports: | | | | | | |
| Country of destination: | | | | | | |
| Spain | 8.6 | 15.8 | 13.3 | 14.4 | 22.6 | 36.4 |
| Sweden | 6.3 | 7.3 | 8.5 | 11.2 | 12.4 | 11.0 |
| Yugoslavia | 13.2 | 7.4 | 7.4 | 5.5 | 8.4 | 8.8 |
| Czechoslovakia | 5.2 | 4.4 | 7.2 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 6.5 |
| Bulgaria | 1.1 | 1.9 | 2.8 | 5.8 | 6.6 | 6.1 |
| Japan | 5.2 | 7.5 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.9 | 6.0 |
| Portugal | 1.2 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 3.0 | 4.5 | 4.9 |
| Turkey | .4 | .7 | .2 | 1.4 | 2.6 | 4.5 |
| Poland | 1.1 | 4.4 | 9.5 | 6.7 | 5.0 | 4.3 |
| Austria | 6.2 | 8.3 | 8.1 | 5.7 | 3.6 | 3.9 |
| Greece | 3.5 | 3.7 | 2.8 | 4.5 | 2.3 | 3.4 |
| German Democratic Republic | 6.4 | 4.2 | 6.3 | 4.8 | 2.6 | 2.9 |
| Switzerland | 4.4 | 3.6 | 3.2 | 2.7 | 2.9 | 2.5 |
| Norway | 2.2 | 1.3 | .9 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 2.0 |
| USSR | 1.6 | 3.4 | 5.5 | 4.6 | 5.4 | 1.9 |
| Uruguay | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1.7 |
| Israel | 1.0 | 1.4 | .8 | .9 | 1.5 | 1.6 |
| Other countries | 14.6 | 15.9 | 11.8 | 16.9 | 17.4 | 15.1 |
| Total | 82.2 | 93.0 | 93.4 | 99.9 | 110.2 | 123.5 |

1/ Excludes intra-trade among nine-member countries. 2/ Preliminary.

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